

## WARNER IS THE FAVORITE

It is the General Belief That He  
Will Succeed Tanner.

THE FIELD SEEMS DISTANCED.

**G. A. R. Men Are Taking Very Active Interest in the Commissionership  
—Watson Declines the Alaska Appointment.**

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 18.

Politicians and gossipers quit talking to-day about Corporal Tanner and what he will likely do, and entered vigorously into a discussion of his probable successor.

Major Warner, of Kansas City, late commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., was in consultation with Secretary Noble some time this afternoon. He was undoubtedly called here for consultation on the commissioner-

ship. Major Warner is a good lawyer, well posted on veteran affairs and is intensely popular. His advice at this time is very valuable. Representative Ware, of Missouri, who is an intimate personal friend of Major Warner, says the latter would accept the compromise.

The latter would accept the commissioner's ship, and that it is very probable he will be appointed. That is the general belief here. His appointment, it is universally conceded, would be a wise one. The only objection, so far as can be learned, is that with him Missouri could have the commissioner nearest to the secretary of the interior, the department of commissions, at the assistant attorney general, quite a liberal allowance of officers for a strong state, and the Missouri men led by Secretary

Windom, have flashed up General John R. Brown of their state, for the commissioniership. He was commander-in-chief of the G. A. R. immediately preceded Major Warner.

Although Senator Sherman and Governor Grosvenor presented the name of General Brown, of Ohio, to the president to-day he is not talked of seriously.

The name of ex-Pension Agent Bols, of Syracuse, N. Y., is not mentioned seriously

It was announced that President Harrison had postponed his departure for Deer Park from this afternoon till tomorrow. It was rumored that he intended to dispose of the pension commissionership immediately. The congressman who talked to the chief executive stated that there would be no hurry about it and some weeks may elapse before the commissioner is named. Beyond that nothing is known of when action will be taken.

General George L. Merrill, of Boston, had a talk with the president during the afternoon.

noon, and was stated he would be considered for the place. Merrill is an ex-commander-in-chief of the G. A. R.

There were G. A. R. men about the white house all day, and it is evident that the organization will have a good deal to say on the subject of the corporal's successor.

A demand is being made by some of Mr. Tanner's friends that, at least a synopsis of

the correspondence which passed between the secretary of the interior and the commissioner of pensions be published, with an outline of the report of the committee that investigated the management of the War Department. Noble says he does not believe that it would add anything to justice in any direction to publish this matter.

Later—After he left the department Secretary Noble had a conference with the president, in which he was asked to go abroad, and went into the country to spend the night with friends. A friend of his stated tonight that the position of commissioner of pensions had been informally tendered to the major and that he will accept it.

DESERTED WASHINGTON.

Very little of congressional life is seen in the city today. The senate is in the capital

washington now. Many of the senators are expected to arrive in the city today and then a few straggling visitors. Only six senators receive their mail at the senate postoffice, Messrs. Sherman, of Ohio; Morgan, of Alabama; Kinney, of West Virginia; Paddock, of Nebraska; Voorhees, of Indiana, and Barbour, of Virginia. Senator Dolph, of Oregon, will arrive to-morrow to work on the result of the Alaska investigation by the senate committee, made this summer. Nine members of the house are in the city. They are Messrs. Chedle and Bynum, of Indiana; Connell, of Nebraska, and Yoder and Grosvenor, of Ohio; Coleman, of Louisiana;

Watson declines. Senator Paddock arrived here last night and has spent a very busy day with prominent business men, and is looking after matters of great interest to Nebraska.

Alaska. The senator had two interviews with the president to-day. The first one in the morning in relation to the case of Judah Groff and came away very well satisfied. In the afternoon he called upon the president and again notified him of the declination of Hon. John C. Watson, of the district attorneyship of Alaska, and urged upon him the immediate appointment of Mr. C. Watson, of the National Guard, who had been recommended by the entire delegation, and also by Senators Ingalls and Allison and other prominent men outside the state for the position. The

president thereupon instructed the solicitor general, who is acting in the absence of the attorney general, to prepare the papers in the case for Smith for his examination this evening.

presumably with the attention of appointing Mr. Johnson before he leaves the city to-morrow. Mr. Johnson has a tax return for this appointment some time ago, but the attorney general, upon whom Mr. Watson had been pressed first for assistant attorney general and afterwards generally for a good appointment under the department of justice, and who had splendid testimonials seemed to prefer him for the Alaska appointment. The senator, who is acting chairman of the committee to audit the accounts of the governor, in the absence of Senator Jones, of Nevada has had a large amount of work

Representative Connell left to-day after putting in several days' work at the departments. He has rented a fine house on Thomas Circle. Mr. Connell went from here to Garden City to put his boy in school there.

Senator Paddock has placed his son Frank in the Lawrenceville school in New Jersey which is the preparatory school for Princeton college.

MISCELLANEOUS.

George Skeavington has been appointed cadet at the naval academy from the Sixteenth district, Illinois.

The secretary of state has sent instructions to the delegates on the part of the United States to the International American congress, to meet him at noon, October 1, and cables were received stating that they will

**Senator Voorhees Sick.**  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—Senator Voorhees has been confined to the house for several days. He was seized by a severe chill early in the week and yesterday another came on.

**Declines the Nomination.**  
DEADWOOD, S. D., Sept. 13.—James Carney, of this place, republican nominee for the lower house on the legislative ticket, last evening tendered his declination of such nomination to the central committee, which was accepted. The place has not yet been filled.